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HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Lawrence Ville N. J. February 11th 1851.

My dear Sir,

Yours of the 8th is just recvd. I plead guilty to apparent negligence in not informing you long since of the receipt of the parcel sent. But the truth is my dear Sir I wished to deliver the mosses in person and thank you for the plants and books you were so kind to send me.

I examined the mosses soon after I received them and but for disappointment after disappointment in coming to see you, would have sent them long since. I regret that this has been so, as I desired to see you and have your opinion upon one which I have doubtingly named Weissia tenuirostris Hooker & Taylor Page 83. The teeth of the peristome are horizontal and in this respect is like the plant described at page 83 M. U. S. The leaves do not exactly square with description but if not this I give up. There is nothing like it in Gray.

I keep specimens of it and also of Splachn. angustatum L.

Most of my leisure time this winter has been spent in reexamining my former collections of the Cryps. I have a few Lichenes I cannot determine. Do you think Mr. Tuckerman would feel interest enough in the matter to reply if I should write him? Can you give me his address?

I am greatly obliged for the use of your Lichenes and will return them as soon as I can come to Princeton.

A few weeks since I found upon stones in a wet meadow a plant in many respects like Hypnum stellatum, differing

however in the nerve of the leaf which in my plant is almost always forked. None of my Books say any thing about this. What am I to do in such a case. It fits no description that I have of any moss. I have a Dicranum, not in fruit, that in the stems and leaves is very like D. flagellare of H & S.

I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you are long and then I have many questions to ask.

Be pleased to accept my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown me and believe me dear Sir

Yours most sincerely

E. Lansing

Prof. Torrey Princeton N.J.

N. B. I will send the package to-morrow-evening by the Princeton Stage to be left at the Mansion House.

E. L.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Lawrence Ville N. J. Aug. 10th 1851.

Doc. Torrey

Dear Sir.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Will you please forward to Messrs Willis & Holton the package accompanying this. The packages consist of Musci & Hepaticae collected in this vicinity and a few others from other places. Will you please look at them before you send them and give me your opinion of their correctness.

You spoke of having the Drummond Mosses mounted. Would the style of mounting the Lawrence Mosses suit you? If so and you desire to have them put up in this way and time enough allowed me I would do it with pleasure.

I thought when last at your place that I would call again very soon, but my annual attack (a very severe one too) of Arthma put me back in my calculations so much that I have not been able to come as I much desire to.

You have my thanks for the loan of Quecketts on Micro. as also for Lichenes Amer. Septent. By the way I wrote to Mr. Tuckerman early in the spring and enclosed him a few Lichens which I desired him to name but have rec. no answer.

Will you when next you write me say what of yours I have had long enough. I will return Quecketts the first sure opportunity.

I remain

Yours most truly

E. Laning

Laurence Ville N. J. Septem. 3 1851.

CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 1st is just received and to remove all anxiety on your mind I hasten to reply. You will find upon examination that the Mosses & Hepaticae are put up in duplicates. I arranged them specimen for specimen and put a paper band upon or around each lot marking upon the bands for Mr. W. for Mr H.

I intended them as a slight compensation for the plants they had kindly furnished me. We of course will say nothing about their detention.

You will please send them after you have looked at them. I deemed that you should look at them and point out any errors you might notice.

I am greatly indebted to you for your kindness in loaning me books and plants &c and shall take great pleasure in mounting the Drummond Mosses if you think the style of the Laurence mosses will do.

I regret to hear that you are about to leave Princeton. But I confess it is a selfish regret for I hope you are to be the gainer. I know I shall be the loser. I have not received any Lichens from you since I saw you.

I hope to be able to call upon soon.

With many thanks for your kindnesses

I remain

Yours truly

E. Lamy

CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Prof. Torrey Princeton N. J.

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TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Lawrenceville N. J. May 7th 1852

My Dear Sir,

Your welcome favour of 6th is received. I called at your former residence in Princeton last Nov. a few dap after you left and I assure you was not a little disappointed in not finding you there. I am aware you had gone to N. Y. but when to direct a line I knew not until now, else you had heard from me long since. At what time of the week are you at Princeton and where?. I have spent most of my leisure time among the Crypt. and have a number of undetermined Lichenes. Do you think Prof. Bailey of West Point would be willing to aid me in them and our fresh water Algae? I have no work to refer to in regard to the latter. I wrote to Mr Tuckerman a long time since but got no return from him. I also wrote to Mr. Sullivant about the same time, but have had no reply. By the way a moss that I sent to Mr. S. in my first letter to him and which he called Hypnum imbricatum (but with which I was not satisfied) has since been sent to Mr Wilson England and he says it is a sp. nov. and names it Hypnum depauperatum. I send you a specimen No 1. I send others. No 2 Tortula papillosa Wils. MS. This is remarkable in having the nerve of the leaf surrounded and covered with the gemmae similar to description of Gymnostomum ovatum of Hooker & Tay. page 21 Plate 7.

Wilson says this moss is not rare in England but he has never seen fruit. Fruit is wanting in our specimens. It was collected last Autumn by Thos P. James Esq. of Philada at Batsto N. J. This place is, I believe, near Quaker Bridge. No 3. Atrichum laxifolium Wils. This differs from undulatum in its lax foliage small or rather short capsule, leaves without undulations and large areolations. Found by Mr. James at Burlington N.J. last summer and again this spring. No 4. a Pharcum which has much the appearance of subulatum at first sight. It agrees pretty well with Pharcum nervosum as described and figured in Musci Exotici of Hooker, but is not at all like Pharcum nervosum of Drummonds Southern Mosses named by Wilson. Nor does Drummonds Moss agree at all in figure of leaf with Hookers plate. These things perplex me exceedingly. There is error somewhere. Where can it be? Please give me your opinion. I hope to send specimens to Wilson through Mr James. The moss sent in yours and named Physcomitrium pilifera sp. nov. is precisely the No 18 of your set of Mosses collected by Drummond and named by Hooker. It is there called "Gymnostomum ovatum var 2. densissime caespitosum, brevisetum, foliis longissime pilifieris canis". As there is no duplicate in your set I am very glad to have it though from a diff. locality. I mounted your Drummond Mosses during the winter; duplicates in the original papers and if I understood you aright I was at liberty to retain them. But

I may have mistook your meaning. Please inform me.

I have taken from your Algae and Lichens wherever I found duplicates and trust "I have done as I would be done by."

I lately received from Mr Porter of Mercersburg Penna. some 250 Phenogams which he sent me in return for a set of Musci et Hepaticae. This is quite an addition to my Herbarium.

What has become of Mr Holton? I have a letter not long since from Mr Willis informing me he had received his set of Musci et Hepaticae forwarded by you last fall, but not a word about Mr Holton. Or he still at Fredonia?

I feel truly grateful to you for the many favours received and trust I may hear from you as often as your convenience will allow. Any thing in the way of Botany will always be very acceptable. My health has been only tolerable during the winter and the season for my asthma is now near at hand which I dread exceedingly. Should I visit N. Y. I shall be most happy to call upon you. I should like to have seen Mr Sundgren and to have submitted some of my mosses to his inspection. In addition to the foregoing Mosses, I have (not found in Gray) Hypnum gramineum, H. piliferum, H. palustre, Barbula tortuosa Barbula fallax, Pogonatum brachyphyllum, Dicranum condensatum Phascum muticum, Phascum subulatum, Fissidens Splachnum mnioides and some others I do not now recall.

Yours sincerely

C. Lamy

Prof. Torrey.

COLLEGE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Professor John Torrey M.D.
No 598 Houston Street
near Broadway
New York.

Lawrenceville N.J.
May 8

Ans'd Feby 9

Lawrence Ville Mercer Co. N. J. Jany 16th 1854.

LAWRENCE HERBARIUM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir,

It is a long time since I have heard from you, either directly or indirectly. I think my last was in relation to a Moss which came from Texas. Sometime after that I received a note from Mr Sullivant giving me the names of a few mosses which I had sent him a long while before. I wrote him my thanks immediately and as he seemed to invite a correspondence I sent him several others requesting his opinion but from that time until the present not a word from him. I fear he is too much engaged in something else to take further notice of my matters in this line. Having as I believe collected all the Musci, Hepaticae & Lichenes of this region, I turned my attention during the summer (after I recovered from my annual attack of Asthma) to the collecting of the Fungi; Here I find a wide and very interesting field but books are wanting. Hence I wish to inquire through you if you please whether the following works can be procured in New York and at what prices.

Fries	Systema Mycologicum	3 vols.	9 1/4 that
"	Elenchus	1 —	2 that.
"	Epicrisis	1 —	4 1/2 "

I have "Synopsis Fungorum" by Schweinitz, but need something else. Are not all the above works indispensable to one who undertakes the study of these difficulties? If so will you be so kind as to inform me whether they are to be had in N. Y. or elsewhere in this country?

You know that I have your Drummond Mosses, a package

of Lichens and your Algæ, also books and pamphlets: I have
want your orders as to when how and where they shall be sent
you.

I have a few undetermined Lichens which I wish I could
have settled. Some Mosses have been sent to Wilson of England.
which I hope soon to hear from through my friend T. P. James
of Philada.

I have sent a few packages of Fungi to Rev. M. A.
Curtis D.D. of Society Hill S.C. and he says some are new.
What has become of Rev. Mr Hotton? I should much
like to know whether he has returned and what he is
doing.

I saw a few days since a little book of 3 or 4 pages
by a gentleman of Chester Co Penna. upon the parasitic nature
of Comandra umbellata Nutt, and several species of Cuscuta.
Have you ever observed this character in these plants?
May I not hope to hear from you once in a great while?

Yours most truly
E. Lansing

FORMER CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

John Torrey M. D.
New York.

Lawrence Ville Mercer Co. N. J. Feb. 27th 1854

Dr Torrey,

Dear Sir,

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Your favor of the 8th was received in due course & the enclosed Specimens please accept my thanks. I am always glad to receive any thing in the botanical line from abroad and shall look for the "small parcel" through Dr. Schweich, with no little interest.

If Dr. Short has any thing to part with I shall esteem it a great favor if you mention my name to him. I cannot help feeling much regret that any one who pretends to love the science of Botany should pay love honesty and virtue more.

I have collected but little this winter, cold and storms preventing my going out with any hope of success.

I am under obligations to you for the information in relation to the Books on Fungi. I shall order them as soon as I can.

I have made arrangements to leave here and go to Philadelphia on the first of April next where you will please address me whenever you write after that time. I am going as Book Keeper with Burton & Lansing No 124 Arch Street.

Your books pamphlets, Algae Mosses and Lichens I will put up and forward to Dr. Schweich Princeton. You is not asking too much if you would like to retain your Copy of Hooker and Taylor a little longer. I have endeavored to procure myself a Copy but thus far have not been able to do so.

For the use of these as also for the very many favors I have

receive from you you have my sincere thanks, Your kind-
nesses have assisted me very much in the determination
of plants, Mosses &c, and will ever be remembered with gratitude
so long as life remains, Hoping to hear from you often
I remain as ever
Yours most truly
E. Laning

N. B. I have retained the duplicates of Drummond's Mosses.
Hope the mounted specimens may meet your approbation
E. L.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Philadelphia April 29th 1854

HERBA ... COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 6th reached me in due course. I am glad to learn that the Box was found in good condition. The manuscript copy of "Wilson's criticisms" is intended for your convenience. I copied them from the Journal of Botany kindly loaned by you some time since. I think I returned the Journal whilst you resided at Princeton.

For the "Contributions to the Smithsonian Institute" be pleased to accept my sincere thanks. I received them yesterday not knowing how they were forwarded as I did not see the person who delivered them.

I am very glad to have description and drawing of Darlingtonia Californica.

I do not know where to find Bruch & Schimpers Moses. There is not a copy in the Academy. At least there was not last October.

My time has been altogether taken up with business matters since I came here but I hope soon to find a little time to look in at the Academy.

Mr. Wilson of England has some new mosses in hand which I am anxious to hear of. They were sent him by my friend Thos. P. James Esq last fall. He had reported upon a few previously sent and said he would undertake all that might be forwarded.

I regret that Mr. Sullivant cannot find time for our new Mosses as I would greatly prefer that American Mosses

should be named and described by American Naturalists.
Any thing you may have for me will be cared for
if directed to the care of Burton & Laning' No 124
Arch Street Philadelphia', Please call and see
me whenever you come to the City,

Yours truly
E. Laning

Prof. John Torrey
New York

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Philadelphia Aug 2d 1855

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Dr. Torrey

Dear Sir.

Your very welcome favor reached me in due course and glad am to know they I still have a place in your remembrance. I do not know whether I informed you they I am and have been for something more than One year, as the Northern Liberties Gas Works as Superintendent. My time is pritty much occupied in the Office, but what leisure I have is given to my favorite study. I am not as yet a Member of the Academy, though I sometimes go there, and hope soon to find time enough to look more carefully over the Cryptogamia.

I have examined the Specimen of Barbula and as far as I can make it, appears to be B. obtusissima of C. Muller. It is near B. ruralis but the obtuse emarginate leaves differ from that species. I am much pleased with it.

Have I Books and authentic Specimens I would like to study the Mosses & Lichens you speak

of. but many of authorities is so serious a drawback that I would not dare to undertake any thing like naming specimens unknown to me. Where is Mr Sullivant and what is he doing in this line?

Any thing you have to spare in the Botanical way will be acceptable. I have collected but little since I have been at Philada. Mr. James paid a visit to the White Mts. again this summer and brought home a few mosses they appear to be new, at least I can find nothing like them in any of the specimens or Books that I have access to.

I send you portions of two. The little green one comes near Hypnum praelongum but does not agree in all respects with that species as given in Hooker & Taylor. The dark colored one grew in a ponce of still water. It appears to belong to the section Adnatae but does not fit description of any described species that I know of.

Mr James is about preparing a list for Dr. Gray for the coming edition of his Manual. He has explored the White Mountains pretty thoroughly and found quite a number not

in Gray's former edition. I wish Mr. Sullivant was more attentive. I sent him some eighteen months or more a letter full of what I thought would interest him but not a word in reply have I received.

I had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Gray a few moments some time last winter and was much pleased with his friendly kind & polite manner. By that interview the question was started what is "the Juckahoe?" Dr. Gray stated that Dr. Torrey had analyzed it some years ago. This was all the information that was then elicited. Is it not what Schweinitz calls Sclerotium Cocos? Pachyma Cocos of Fries? Hoping you will not forget me I remain as ever

Yours most truly

E Lansing

CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
UNIVERSITY.

Philadelphia May 5th 1854

CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

My Dear Sir,

Your favor of 25th ult. reached me a few days after date, and upon its receipt I looked up the "Old fashioned box" and found it filled with Mosses for which I tender you many thanks. The little leisure I have is given to my favorite study, but this little is very much less than I desire, could I have it otherwise. I had a two fold object in coming to Philada. One was to try to escape the Hay Asthma, which thus far I have not, and the other, to try to lay by a little money. I am glad to know I still retain a place in your thoughts, Please send me what ever you may have to spare of Mosses sent to you by your Correspondents. I do not now have time to collect as I did while I was at Laurence Ville. Can you give me an idea as what cost I can procure a Microscope such as is needed for the examination of Fungi and Desmidieæ?

I am not in possession of a copy of Plantæ Wightianæ and will be under further obligations to you for a Copy. Please direct any thing you may send me to ~~Philadelphia~~ Northern Liberties Gas Works Philadelphia.

Keep me in remembrance and write me as often as you can,

As ever

Yours most Sincerely

E Laning

[Eng. about my Lichens]

John Torrey M. D.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

January 22. 1859.

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

John Torrey M. D.

Dear Sir,

Having been informed that you have not seen Cryptis Virginica Nuttal, which Dr. Gray has given as a synonym of Bilfa vaginaflora Torrey, I send herewith specimens collected by me in 1855 on one of the Gas Holder lots of Northern Liberties Gas Co. Mr. Durand says it is Cryptis Schoenoides of Moenche Herbarium at the Academy. That it is the C. Virginica Nuttal I have no doubt from description given in Barton's local Flora of Philada. It has been found in various parts of the City and is without doubt a foreigner.

I also send you Chenopodium glaucum L. gathered on a log in the City last Autumn. It is rather scarce here. Dr. Gray says in his last edition "I have not seen specimens".

Please let me hear from you when convenient and in the mean time believe me

Yours most truly,

E Laning

Northern Liberties Gas Works

Philadelphia

TORREY CORRESPONDENCE
HERBARIUM
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

I have sent the plants with a view of having my right where I conceive to be an error in regard to Agrostis Virginica of Muhl. and the present plants.